

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1142 - SB 1548

April 3, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes requirements of proper behavior of students and respect for authority for the admission to or the retention in public schools; requires a parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child to sign a personal statement accepting responsibility for the child's social skills and respect for authority. A child denied admission to a public school may be admitted to an alternative school but the parent must agree to pay the cost associated with placing and retaining the child there. The State Board of Education shall develop the personal responsibility form and procedures to be used by the local education agencies (LEAs) to comply with the provisions set out by the bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$500,000

Estimate assumes:

- any increase in cost to the State Board of Education for the development of the personal responsibility statement form and procedures will be insignificant and can be performed by existing staff during normal work days.
- any increase in local expenditures resulting from the costs of copying the personal responsibility statement forms as well as possible increases in staff time required to administer and maintain such paperwork will be not significant.
- a decrease in local education agencies' expenditures associated with alternative schools, since parents would be required to pay for transferring and retaining students in such schools. In 2000-01, the cost of serving alternative school students is estimated to be \$2,743 per student remanded. In 2000-01, 3,678 of the total number of students remanded to alternative schools were remanded for what was categorized as *immoral or disreputable conduct*. Assuming one-tenth of those were offenses that could fall within the scope of this bill, then 368 potential students' parents statewide would be required to pay the cost of transferring and retaining the student in the alternative school. Assuming that 50% (184) of the affected student's parents or guardians would not pay for placing the student in alternative school the cost reduction to local education agencies is estimated to exceed \$500,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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